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Applicant: MURDIN, Andrew D. et al.  
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Examiner: Padmavathi Baskar

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. As the shortened statutory period for response expires on August 23, 2006, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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